

# Good Teachers Prove Key To Sound School Program

The instructional program of Torrance School District is based upon the selection of good teachers and constant aid to enable them to become better teachers, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools for Torrance.

Constant help is given teachers to improve their classroom program, he said. This is done in a number of ways including:

1. Encouraging teachers to develop methods of their own stimulation and guidance.
2. Providing a maximum of effective materials for the use of the teachers.
3. Providing trained and experienced principals to initiate activities, act as educational

leaders, confer with teachers and conduct workshops designed to improve the classroom program.

4. Establishment of an organization in which a teacher spends as much time as possible with one group of pupils thus enabling the teacher to become better acquainted with each pupil and better serve his individual needs.
5. Continued maintenance of a program placing the parent in a key position in educating children to become better citizens.

Presently the Torrance School District employs 651 teachers. Annually there is a normal turnover from 90 to 120 for

family reasons or following a husband's change of employment. In addition 100 new teachers are needed each year for the increasing school population.

These teachers are recruited from 20 colleges and universities in California and in more than 20 major training institutions outside the state.

For every teacher employed from seven to eight applicants are interviewed by the staff. Thus to employ 200 teachers more than 1500 are interviewed, Dr. Hull reports.

Through this screening process the Torrance School District seeks to keep its teaching staff at a level equal to the increasing school population and maintaining the quality of its instructional program.

# City's Growth Reflected In Blooming School Rolls

The growth of Torrance has been paralleled by the growth of its school population. Since the formation of the Torrance School District in 1947 this school population has increased from 2072 to 16,019 students, 65 to 661 teachers, one junior high school to two high schools, and four elementary schools to 16 elementary schools.

Heaviest enrollment is in the elementary schools with a total of 11,449 children. Seaside Elementary School has the largest enrollment with 1496. Most recently opened elementary schools are Newton and Steele.

High school population has

shown a steady increase from 393 in 1947 to the peak reached during the school year 1955-56 of 2570 with Torrance High School having an enrollment slightly higher than that of the newly opened North High School.

This increase in enrollment has been matched by increases in the total number of administrators, teachers and classified employees, including clerks, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians and maintenance men.

Estimates for the year 1956-57, including the occupancy of seven elementary schools now under construction, are in excess of 20,000 total enrollment.

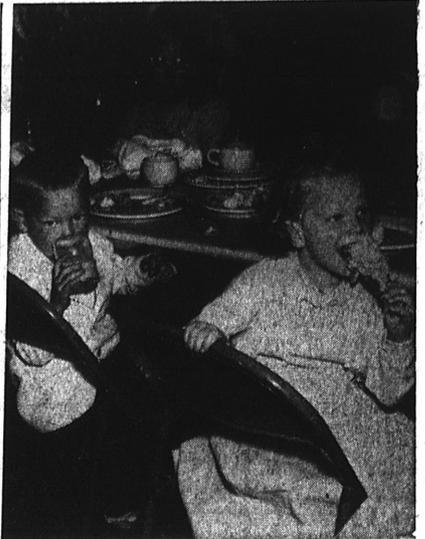
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# Community's Needs Vital For Schools

Since its organization July 1, 1947, the Torrance School District has attempted to continually improve the educational opportunities for the local children as well as having a school administration which would be sensitive to the interests and needs of the community, according to Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent for education.

The separation from the Los Angeles City School District was the culmination of effort on the part of a campaign spearheaded by the Torrance HERALD and the Charter Committee appointed by the City Council. Members of this committee were Dr. Howard A. Wood, Mrs. Grace W. Wright, James Lynch, Mrs. Mina Shidler, and Carl D. Steele.

Following the separation of the elementary schools the high school joined the Redondo District until 1948 at which time a Torrance Unified School District under one board of education was formed.



(Herald Photo) DENTAL HEALTH PROMOTED... Enjoying turkey and trimmings here are Leonard and Nancy Newton, two of the nearly 200 persons who attended the El Nido PTA's turkey dinner held last week to raise funds for Torrance Dental Health Assn. Some of the latecomers received barbecued chicken as the 75 pounds of turkey proved to be insufficient for the huge turnout.

# Peak Year in School Boom

The year 1956 is slated to be the peak year in the Torrance Unified School District construction program with seven new elementary schools to be completed before next December.

Presently under construction and to be completed and ready for occupancy by September are Sepulveda and Arlington Schools. Meadow Park School, under construction, is scheduled for completion in November.

Edison, Anza, West Torrance, and Parkway Schools will shortly be under construction and due to be completed some time in December of this year.

Bids for the grading and site development at South High School will be opened tomorrow with initial construction to begin this summer and a completion date set for the first of September 1957.

# Narbonne Students to Participate In Annual Boys Week Observance

Los Angeles' officialdom will take on a younger atmosphere next week when Southland citizens pay honor to the city's young men in the 84th annual observance of Boys' Week.

Starting on Sunday, boys from the city's public, parochial and private schools will take over many of the top duties in business, government, industry and the professions.

Sunday will be Boys' Recreation Day in churches, with many of Los Angeles' churches honoring the young men with special ceremonies.

Highlight of the weeklong observance will be on Tuesday when boys assume the positions of Los Angeles' mayor, chief of police, fire chief, councilmen, county supervisors, judges, and numerous business and industrial posts.

**Narbonne Officials.**  
At Narbonne High in Lomita, about 60 boys will take part in the observances, with Robert Hargrove heading the list as acting County Superintendent of Schools. Other boys slated to take over official jobs are Larry Napier and Richard Kobayashi, Superior Court judges; Wayne Miller, Harbor JC dean; Fred Momeetman, public defender; Bill Knoke, LAPD police captain; Ron Cole, Rolling Hills fire chief; Robert Isom, Lomita fire chief, and Robert Webb, director of Lomita Park.

Another feature of Tuesday's activities will be special programs being sponsored by the Los Angeles Sales Executives Club and the Advertising Club of Los Angeles.

More than 100 boys from high schools and junior colleges will be feted by the Sales Executives' group at a breakfast at the Biltmore Hotel, followed by visits to various business and industrial firms.

**Visit Agencies.**  
The Ad Club will act as host to a similar group, which will visit advertising agencies during the morning and then be guests of honor at the regular Ad Club luncheon at the Statler Hotel.

Wednesday will be set aside as Boys' Recognition Day in schools, and the week will wind up on Saturday with Boys' Recognition Day in recreation.

A 17-year-old senior student from Fairfax High School, Bruce Gardner, will take over as mayor of Los Angeles.

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# First Winners Listed in Model Derby

Speed finals for the Torrance Recreation Department 800-Meter Derby started last Saturday at Crenshaw School, McMaster Park, Carr School and Carl Steele School. More than 60 model race car owners met in competition to determine the entrants for the city finals to be held in the Civic Auditorium May 26.

Winners at Crenshaw School were: Class C - first, James Estright; second, Dane Walker; third, Blinton Brodstreet.

Winners at McMaster Park were: Class B - first, Jimmy Breitenfeldt; second, Bobby Barber; third, John Alexander; Class C - first, Vic Corey; second, Bobby Colleshaw.

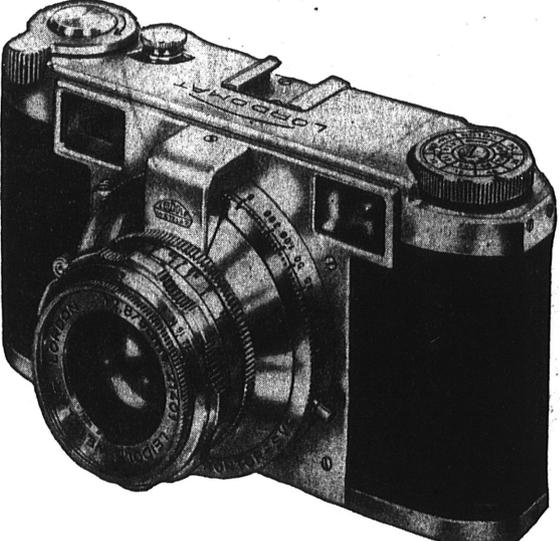
Carr School winners were: Class - first, Steve Santor; second, Jerry Caruthers; third, Dick File; Class B - first, Leonard Mason; second, Roger Bayer; third, Mike Regan; Class C - first, Bill Cuserty; second, Tommy Regan; third, Steve Gunnels.

Results from Carl Steele School were: Class A - first, Mark Abel; second, Denny Anderson; third, Donald Purcell; Class B - first, Wayne Halverson; second, Leslie Steele; third, Perry Feebles; Class C - first, Larry Morse; second, Charles Troop; third, Mike Adams.

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